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# Pay Hike For Congress?

Iowa Republican Congressman Bill Scherle calls it a "blueprint to fleece the taxpayers' pockets." Another Iowan, GOP Rep. H. R. Gross, sees it as "an almost incredible, unconscionable move at this moment."

What has aroused their congressional ire is a move on the part of some of their colleagues to push for a pay raise for members of Congress and other top federal officials.

The lawmakers how receive $42,500 a year. Under the proposals, that figure would be increased to somewhere between $55,400 and $58,400 by 1977.

A pay raise - to $52,800 by 1976 - was killed last March by a 71-to-26 vote in the Senate. Pay hike proponents are now hoping to get favorable action by the present Congress, which includes 92 lame-duck members of the House who were defeated in the recent election and who could vote on the issue without being concerned, at least for the immediate future, about political repercussions. And all the rest of the members of Congress could vote with the knowledge that they won't face an election at least until two years from now, by which time any public resentment over pay raise action now may be forgotten.

Chairman Gale W. McGee of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, says that pay increase proposals have been drafted but he indicates that no effort will be made to get them through Congress unless President Ford gives his backing.

We suspect that Mr. Ford figures he has enough problems right now without running the risk of incurring voter wrath by encouraging the lawmakers to raise their salaries (and the salaries of other top officials) at the very time he is calling on the nation for wage and price restraints to combat inflation.

The $42,500 salary figure is somewhat misleading in considering the financial compensation of members of Congress. They get several thousand dollars more, some of which they don't have to account for, for a wide variety of expenses. They enjoy many fringe benefits, including a liberal pension plan permitting them to retire, generally at age 60, on approximately $5,300 a year after only five years of service in Congress, or on approximately $16,000 after 15 years, for example.

It may be that some good arguments for a pay hike can be made now, but chances are the majority of the American people would consider an increase inappropriate at this particular time. President Ford and members of Congress had better let the salary proposals lie dormant, for the time being, at least.

*[If our taxpayers wish to voice their opinions on this matter we suggest they write: Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Congressman Howard Anderson or Congressman W. C. [Dan] Daniel.]*

The Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, has been named Recruiting Chairman for Appomattox County Blood Program. Rev. Lucas, shown above with his daughter, Teresa, would like to convey the following message to citizens of this county:

## Named Recruiting Chairman For Appomattox Blood Program

Dear Fellow Citizen:

I recently accepted the responsibility of helping promote the "Blood Mobile Program" here in Appomattox, Virginia. Would you believe that our quota for each time is approximately 100 pints. This means that a good number of the citizens of our community are continually in dire need of our help.

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As Recruiting Chairman, I would like to thank you in advance for what you are going to do in helping us go over the top in reaching our goal.

Remember: "to love is to give blood."

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Earnie W. Lucas,
Recruiting Chairman

## The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, December 1, 1974.

Topic: Anticipating a New Beginning

Scripture: **Isaiah 40; Galatians 4: 1-6.**

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5.**

Hope is the great sustainer in difficult times. Hope for a better day, for a new opportunity, sustains many a spirit which might otherwise be overwhelmed by despair. The New Year has come to symbolize for many the opportunity for a fresh start, and people, even in prosperous times, look forward to New Year's Day for this reason. In their experience of exile, in the dispersion which scattered them over the civilized world, in a desolate homeland to which some of the exiles returned and when it was overrun by foreign armies, the remnant of Israel was sustained by hope, the anticipation of a new beginning.

The prophets of ancient Israel coupled a message of hope with the warning of destruction in consequence of forsaking the God of their fathers' deliverance. A new redemption was in store for the people God had chosen for Himself, to carry on His mission in the world. When Jerusalem was under cloud of imminent capture and the accompanying devastation, Jeremiah could tell his contemporaries that "the days are coming" when God will watch over Israel and Judah "to build and to plant." In exile in a land far from home, Ezekiel could envision a time when God would clothe dry bones with flesh and breathe into these bodies the breath of life, the prophet's dramatic way of foretelling a spiritual re-awakening among his people.

As we continue into a second quarter a study of the long history of God's dealings with His people, we should not lose sight of the theme of the International Sunday School lessons for the two quarters, "The Living God Seeks Man." Lessons for the quarter beginning this Sunday are introduced with a unit, "The Living God Seeks Man Through a New Beginning."

Jeremiah and Ezekiel were prophets of this new beginning, which had its origins in the exile in Babylon of the people of Judah. Realizing that God was with them in the land of their exile 800 miles from their old homes and that they needed Him, they perceived the need of a new system and plan of worship which did not require a temple in Jerusalem. So the synagogue was born, a plan of Jewish religious organization which allowed the establishment of a worshiping community wherever 10 Jewish men were living. Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel proclaimed a new relationship between God and people, no longer a relationship between God and nation but a relationship between God and the individual.

Jeremiah foretold the day of a new covenant when God's law would be written, not on tablets of stone, but in the hearts of people. Prophets like Isaiah as Micah, living in a critical era for their people, looked ahead to a day of renewed glory for their nation. Thus the foundations were laid for anticipating a new beginning, a beginning which began with the institution of the synagogue and the concept of individual responsibility to God and reached its culmination in the new covenant established by God with His people through Jesus Christ.

To Israel God had committed the work of preparing the world spiritually for the coming of the Savior. It was a long and, to human minds, slow preparation, but no more than the cultural preparation through the Greeks and political preparation by the Romans. Adversity served to inspire the people to seek out God's purpose, to put them in a situation in which hope was more meaningful than it would have been in prosperity. Oppressed people found the prospect of a deliverer more appealing than it would have been had they been prosperous and free from oppression.

Because they lived in difficult time, a new hope had a special appeal. The messages of the prophets strengthened the hope of the people and stimulated the desire for the Messiah to redeem Israel. Many died in this hope, so beautifully expressed by the aged Simeon: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation . . ."

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## Mental Health Service Holds Mini-Workshops

Positive results, due to extra public education and publicity during Mentally Retarded Citizens Month, are developing in many forms; referrals for services, requests for speakers, inquires from groups as to what services are available and volunteers for aiding retarded citizens are prevalent.

One very positive result is a training session for students from Lynchburg College on Nov. 13, who are inspecial education, psychology, sociology curriculums and student nurses from Va. Baptist Hospital who have completed psychiatric nurses training and are seeking knowledge in the field of retardation.

The cooperative efforts of Mrs. Judy Warren, LAARC Executive secretary and Mrs. Dianne James, Director of Mental Retardation Services for Region XI, have resulted in mini-workshop sessions for the nurses where in topics discussed included Facts, Statistics About Retardation, Overall Needs of the Retarded, Opportunities for Retarded in Region XI, Cooperative Efforts of the Community, Agencies and Organizations, prevention of Retardation, LAAR's and Community Retardation Services' Rules in Retardation, Legislation, Law and Prevention in the Field of Retardation.

Eleven student nurses and their instructor Mrs. Lorraine Thomas, attended the session from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1010 Miller Park Square in the conference room and ended the session conducted by Mrs. James and Mrs. Warren, by touring the Half-Way House for Mentally Retarded at 2001 Park Ave. The next session for another group of student nurses will be held at the same time and place on Dec. 9, 1974.

## Jordan

All present enjoyed the sermon coming from Rev. Elliott on Sunday morning. He preached from the subject "Are You Doing the Will of God."

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Memorial Service for the late Mrs. Mattie T. West.

On Thursday night Rev. A. B. Jones and the Bowling Hill Choir will be our guest at 7:00 p.m. This is for the annual harvest festival.

## Of Interest To Veterans

Q - I am the widow of a World War II veteran who died as a result of a service-connected injury before using his GI home loan entitlement. I have not remarried. Am I eligible for this Veterans Administration benefit?

A - Yes. If they are not currently married, widow of veterans of World War II and later periods who died of service - connected causes, as well as wives of servicemen missing in action or prisoners of war for more than 90 days are eligible for this benefit.

Q - How can I get a job with the Veterans Administration similar to the one I had in a medical laboratory before discharge from service?

A - Suggest you contact the personnel office of nearest VA hospital for information on employment opportunities at the agency's hospitals and clinics. You may qualify for a Veterans Readjustment Act Appointment. If you do, it would eliminate much of the paper work connected with Civil Service appointments.

Q - How many nurses are caring for the nation's veterans at Veterans Administration hospitals?

A - The agency's corps of registered nurses increased 7 per cent, or 1,551, during fiscal year 1974. A total of 22,968 nurses provide quality medical care for veterans at 171 hospitals and 212 outpatient clinics. Assisting them are 6,078 licensed practical nurses and 25,027 nursing assistants.

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of Farmers' Tax has raised the "Who is using the Tax Guide?" There questionaire in your it self-addressed and Please take a few to complete the quest- drop it in the mail box.

This is important because it will give directions for guiding the preparation of the publication in succeeding years.

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Sulphate of potash is low in chlorene and highly preferred over murate of potash for tobacco production.

The major source of sulphate of potash is manufactured at Great Salt Lake, Utah. There production is limited to 60,000 tons a year. There will be no importation of sulphate of potash this year and no increase in domestic production.

What this means is that at current usage there will not be a sufficient suply of sulphate of potash to go around. We can do something about the supply situation! Tobacco growers are using higher amounts of potash than is really needed. If we are going to meet the needs in 1975 tobacco growers should soil test and use only that amount that is required. We are currently using 85 percent more potash than is required.

Some growers have already booked their fertilizer needs for '75. This may assure the individual his needs but it doesn't serve the overall problem unless all tobacco growers work together.

There are indications that flue cured poundage may be increased 15 percent; if this happens the fertilizer requirements will go up.

Some who are close to the fertilizer situation are saying if tobacco growers don't work together the supply of sulphate of potash could be exhausted by the end of March.

The tobacco companies are concerned about the chemical alteration of tobacco which will occur if murate of potash is substituted. Export buyers know our product and we surely don't want to create any change in this important export commodity.

**PRECIPITATION**

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| Last Week | .50 |
| This Month | 2.46 |
| This Year | 35.56 |

## Stonewall

"I live;yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurthur Drewery and granddaughter spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Krantz and Sunday they went to Lynchburg and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barbour.

Mr. Daniel Stratton killed a deer on first day of hunting season also Tom Ray Burnett. Sixteen were checked in on the first day at the station. So a lot of folks are eating venison. It is really good.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrell of Culpeper were week end guest of her father Mr. J. O. Davidson.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler over week end were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy and Richard and Mrs. Wilson Garrett.

Mrs. John B. Ewers went to Richmond to the doctor Friday and got a grand report. She can see better every day. Such a wonderful thing to get an eye transplant.

Little Miss Kadee Moore was sick Sunday.

So glad to report Mrs. Hubert Matthews is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McNutty and Linda Michell spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler were Saturday night visitors and enjoyed a game of rook.

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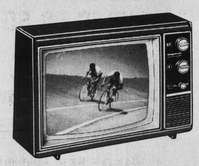

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